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Dormant Guardian: Genesis

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To Diana

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THEY SAY THAT
THERE'S ONE GATE
ON EVERY MOUNTAIN
SUMMIT..

AND THE GATE LEADS TO
THE KEY OF THE GREATER
UNIVERSE, WHERE ANYTHING...
CAN BE REAL..






I REMEMBERED THIS
WHEN I STARTED
CLIMBING THAT
MOUNTAIN.



THE PLACE WAS QUIET
AND THAT SUITED ME
BECAUSE I LOVE BEING ALONE!

A character with short, light-colored hair, wearing a white long-sleeved jumpsuit, is running towards the right. They are holding a small, light-colored rock in their right hand, raised high. The background is a dark, textured ground with some motion lines.

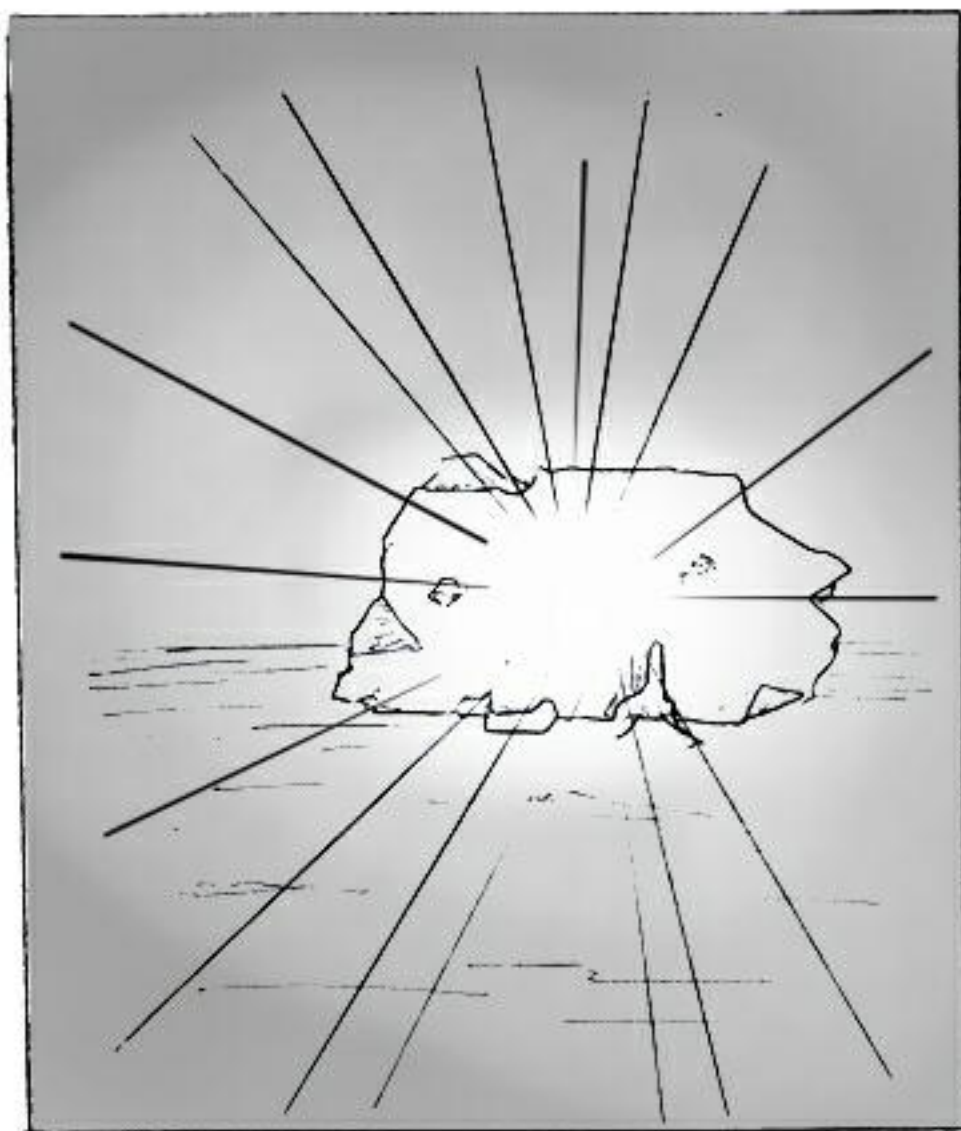
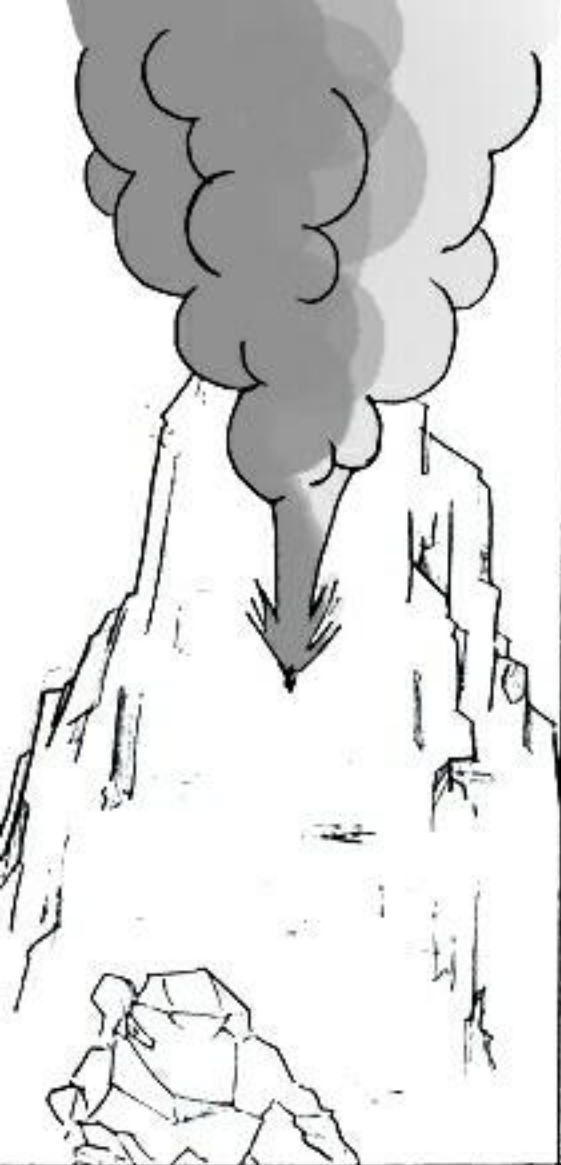
BLUE SKY..
BROWN ROCKS..
CUTE BUSHES..
WHO WANTS MORE THAN THAT?

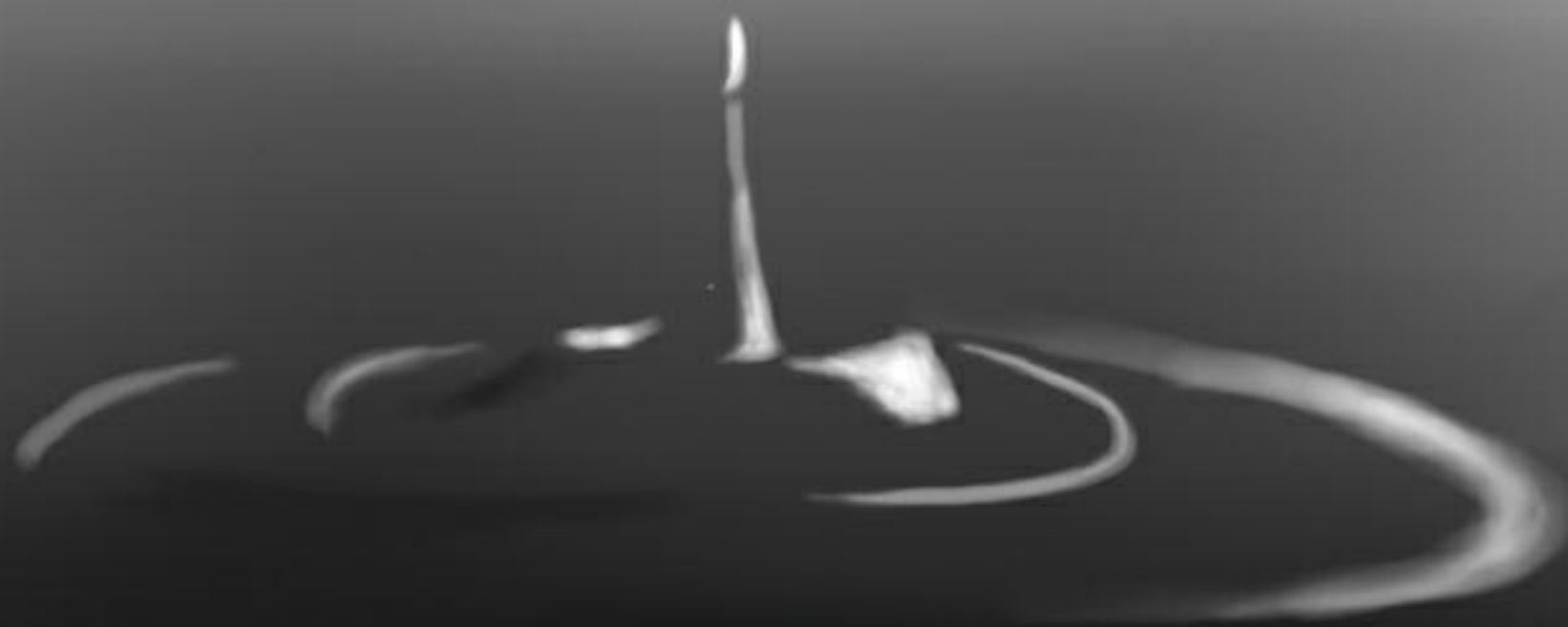
A close-up of a white foot stepping onto a dark, rectangular rock. The rock is cracked and broken. A starburst shape is overlaid on the rock.

CRACK

A close-up of a character's face, showing a pained or distressed expression. They have a wide, toothy grin and are sweating. Their hair is light-colored and styled in a bun. They are wearing a white garment.

THAT WAS THE LAST
IMPRESSION
I ENCOUNTERED..







"WAKE UP!"

"WAKE UP!"

AM I DEAD?


THERE WERE FLYING BEINGS
FORMING A CIRCLE..



FINALLY! YOU WOKE UP!

YES! I'M DEAD!



YOU'RE NOT DEAD, YOU FOUND ME!



WHEN I LOOKED TO
THE CIRCLE..



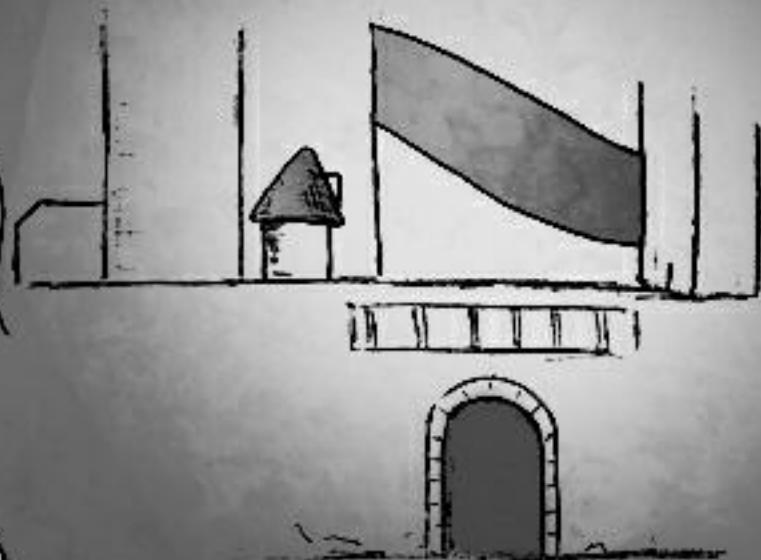
THAT VOICE..



SHE.. SHE..

SHE DESTROYED
THE TRAIN OF
MY THOUGHTS
WITH THE FEAR
BEHIND HER SMILE!

DEEP INSIDE
I KNOW THAT LOOK!



WE BUILT IT
TOGETHER!

WHEN YOU USED
TO THINK OF ME
BEFORE YOU SLEEP!
NOW.. IT'S RUINS!

SEE THE DARKNESS?
THIS WAS..
OUR KINGDOM
ONCE..





EVERYTHING WE
DID TOGETHER
BEFORE YOUR
SLEEP IS REAL..

WHAT SEPARATES
REALITY AND DREAM
WORLD, IS A THIN
BARRIER.. I CALL IT
BELIEF..



I CAN'T SPEAK!



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UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN..



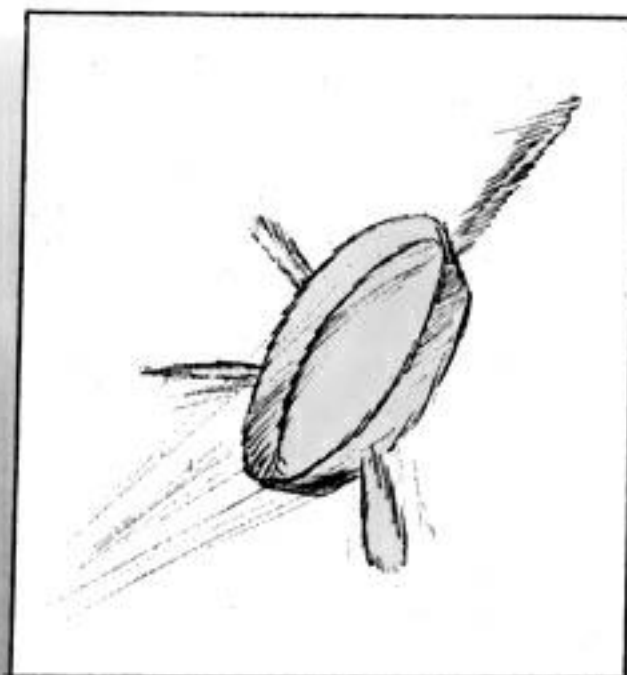


THIS WAS MORE
THAN I COULD BEAR!



BUT..
FOR SOME REASON..
I FELT IT WAS
NOT THE END.



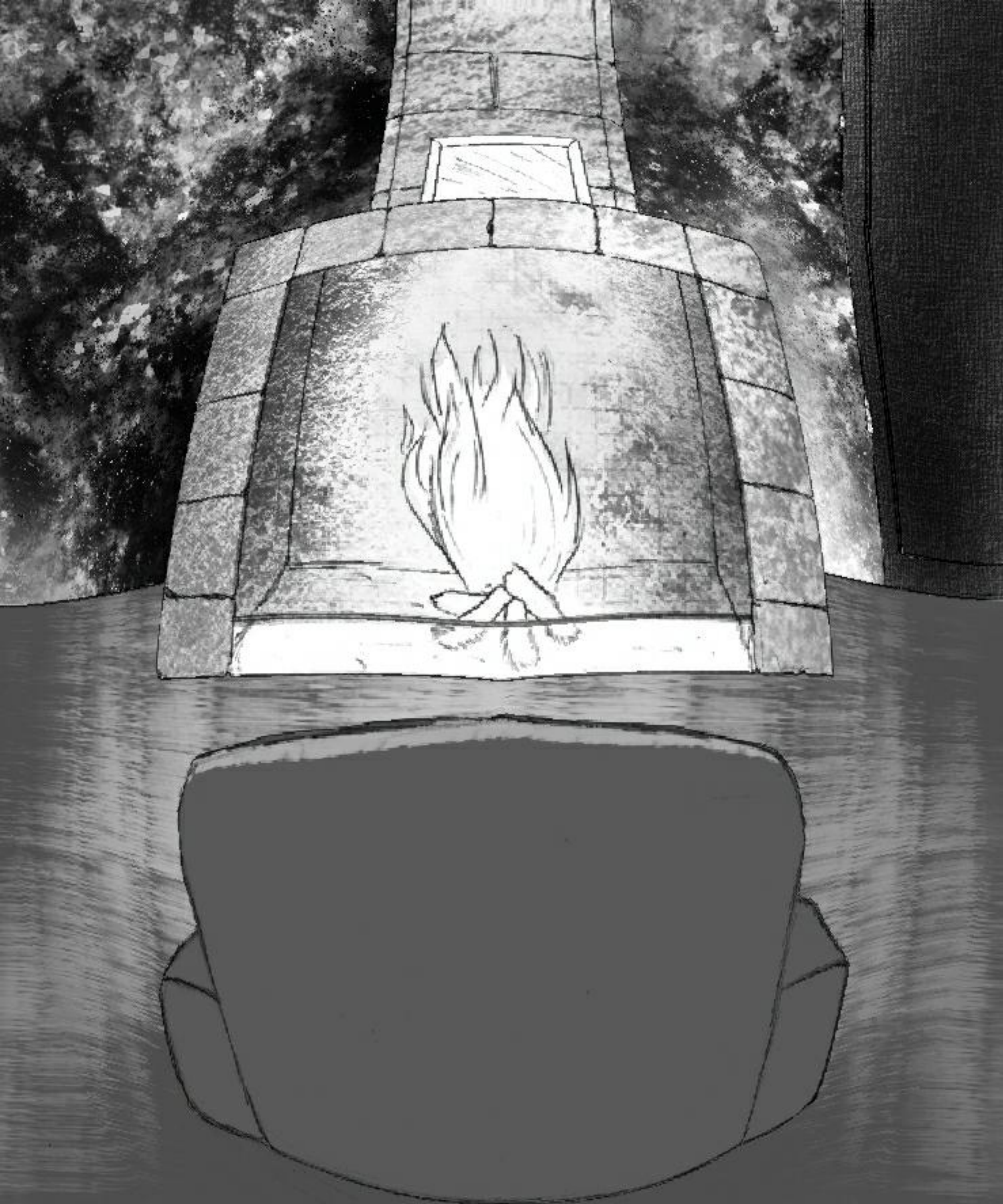




IN THIS WORLD
THERE'RE TWO TYPES
OF PEOPLE..
DEAD PEOPLE AND
PEOPLE ABOUT TO DIE.



DEAD PEOPLE WORK IN DAYLIGHT
AND SLEEP NIGHTTIME. THEY'VE NO DREAMS.
THOSE WITH DREAMS KNOW THAT
THEY CAN'T ACHIEVE..
BECAUSE IF YOU LIVE FOR A GOAL IN YOUR
LIFE, YOU SEE IT IN DREAMS
BUT.. NOBODY DREAMS NOW.



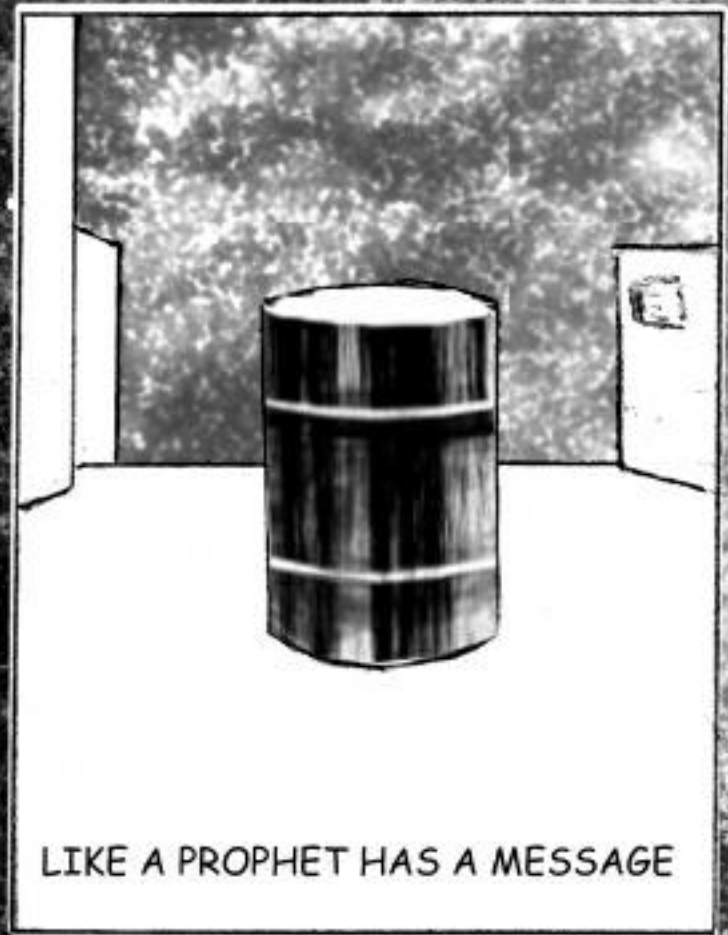
THEY PRISON THEIR DREAMS IN PICTURE FRAMES
SO THEY CAN LOOK AT THEM
LIKE THEY LOOK AT A BELOVED ONE
THEY LOST LONG TIME AGO..



NOBODY KNOWS HOW DREAMING STOPPED.
SOME SAY THAT AN OLD MAN ENTERED
THE GREATER UNIVERSE GATE, AND WISHED
FOR DEAMONS THAT EAT DREAMS..
BUT I THINK IT'S A MYTH..



I SCREAMED
WHAT I
LEARNED
FROM
MY DREAM..

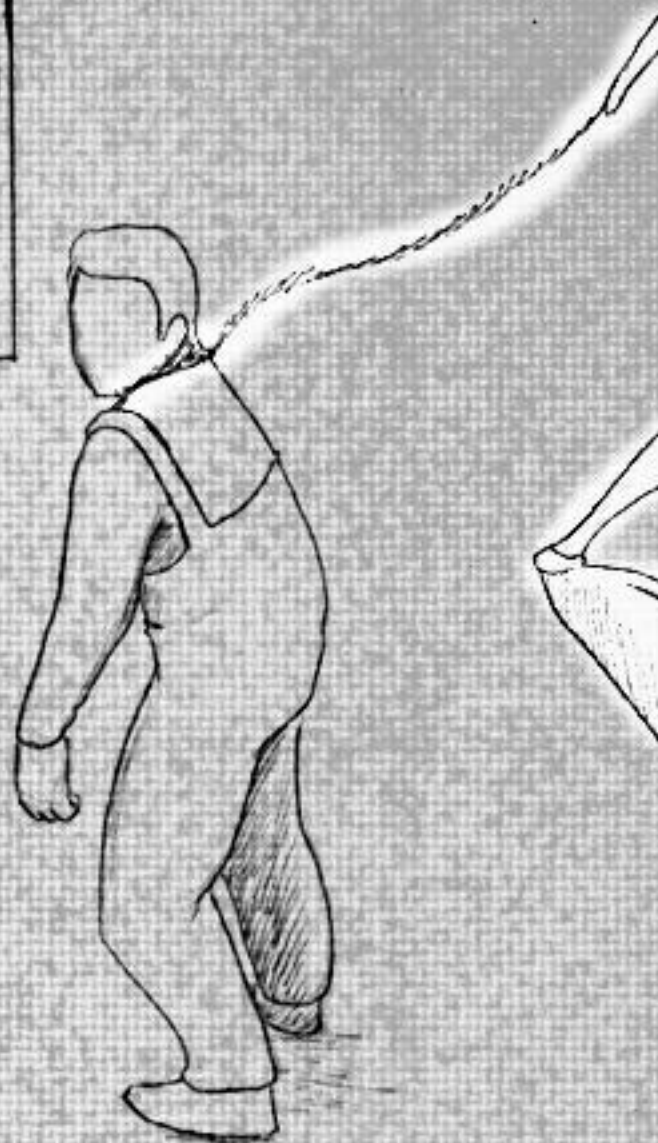


LIKE A PROPHET HAS A MESSAGE



WHAT SEPARATES OUR
WORLD AND DREAM WORLD
IS A THIN BARRIER..
CALLED BLIEF..

I STOPPED BLIEVING
LONG TIME AGO..
BUT SOME HOW..
SOMEONE STILL BLIEVES
IN ME.



NONE SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND..

SO I WENT TO MY FRIEND.
HE IS A MAN THAT KNOWS
WHAT HE SAYS, AND WHAT HE
DOES.

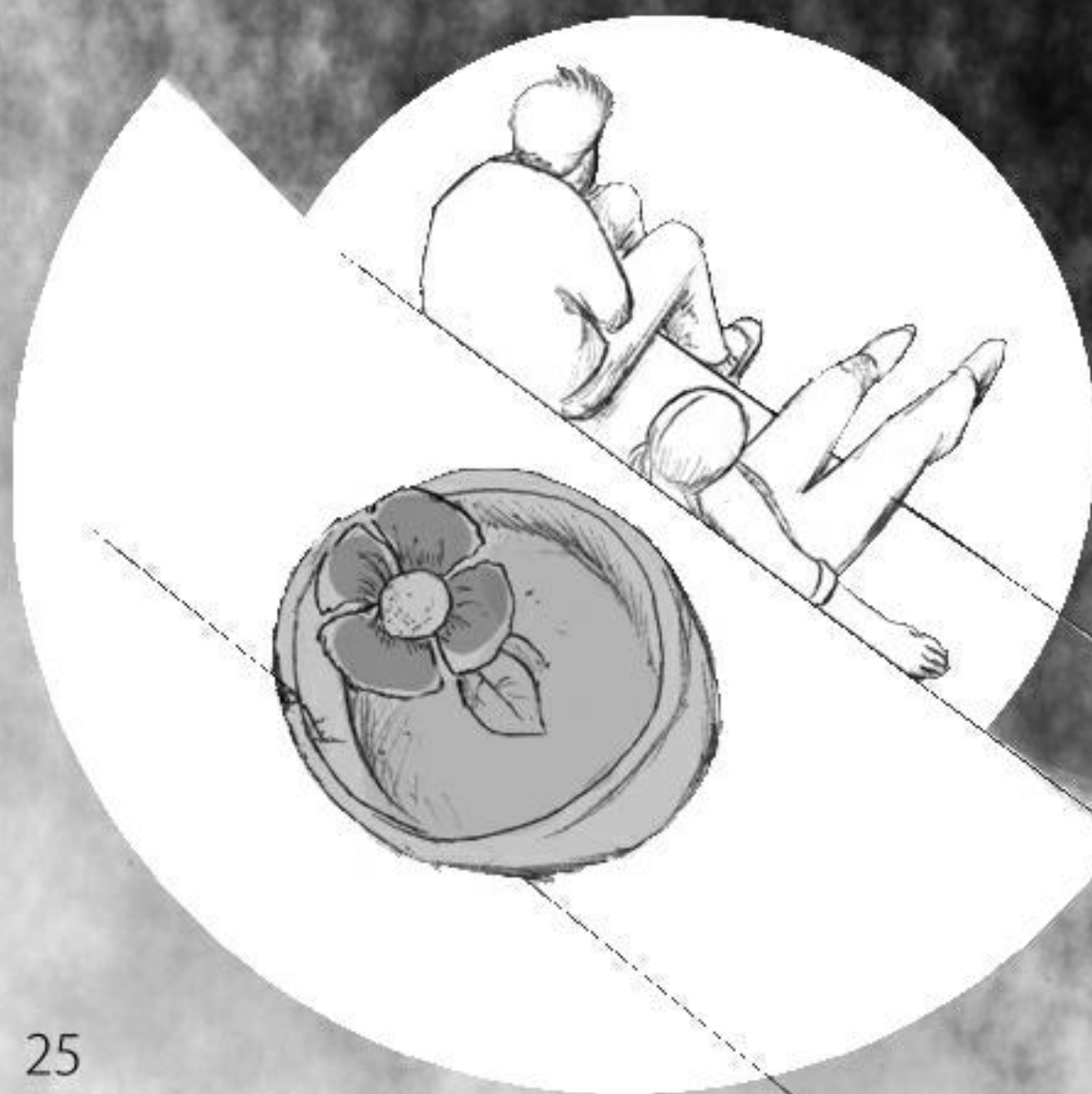


HE FOLLOWS NO CATEGORY..
HE'S A CATEGORY HIMSELF
THAT IS WHY
I WENT TO ASK HIM.





WAS SHE REAL?



WE'LL BUILD OUR KINGDOM
NOT IN MIND ONLY..
BUT FOR REAL!



YEAH! BOY!!
FOR REAL!

DON'T YELL!



SOON OR LATER, HE'LL
REALIZE THAT HE'S STILL
DREAMING.
THAT QUEEN, SHE REALLY
DESERVES THE TITLE
OF A GUARDIAN!



NO MATTER
WHAT!
THIS WILL
BE FUN!



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Just wait for a new genesis

The end



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